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Remarks

The indication that former claims 12 -14 are allowable is noted with appreciation. It is assumed that this numbering relates to the renumbered claims.

The applicants have revised the abstract and presented a new listing of the claims using the corrected numbering.

The abstract has been amended to comply with the guidelines. The dependent method claims have been redrafted to recite positive method steps.

Claim 1 has been amended to specify recite the creation of the pointer table. It is noted that the Examiner considered claim 12 allowable, and it is believed that claim 1 should now be allowable for the essentially the same reason. The Examiner's original objection to claim 2 related to the fact that it did not refer to a specific step recited in claim 1. The step of forming the pointer table has been positively recited, and with such positive recitation it is believed that claim 1 as amended should now be allowable.

The remaining dependent method claims have been redrafted so as to positively recited method steps.

Amended claim 10 includes the former feature of claim 12, which the Examiner indicated as allowable. The wording of the claim has also been clarified. It is believed that amended claim 10 should now be allowable for the same reason as former claim 12. New claim 18 corresponds in essence to former claim 13 (as renumbered) which the Examiner also kindly indicated as allowable.

Additional clarifying amendments have been made where appropriate.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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